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Wendy Dixon, Project Manager
Yucca Mountain Environmental Impact Statement
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
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Dear Ms. Dixon:

1 I am writing as ~~the pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church~~ a citizen of Webster Groves, MO to express my great concern and strong objection to the transport of radioactive nuclear waste through our community. It is reported that the plan for transporting this waste will be by means of our railway lines at a rate of every two days for the next thirty years.

The potential for disaster with regular shipments of this magnitude is enormous. The rail lines that run past my church and the homes of my neighbors are busy 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The potential of a railway accident or of an individual or group determined to cause harm makes it unconscionable to consider endangering the lives and communities that this lethal radioactive nuclear waste would travel through.

I strongly encourage your agency to reconsider and respond with a waste disposal plan that would minimize the danger to all of our communities and provide opportunities for direct citizen involvement in its design and implementation. Your response to my concerns would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rev. Stephen Starr

cc: Mayor Gerry Welch
City Manager Milton W. Matthews
Webster-Kirkwood Times